

## But I Have A Past...

"Moving Forward... The Exodus" Part 1 of 5  
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"Then a new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt. 'Look,' he said to his people, 'the Israelites have become much too numerous for us. Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.' So they put slave masters over them to oppress them..." (Exodus 1:8-11a, NIV)

## I) PAST BARRIERS TO MOVING FORWARD

### Past Issues That Can Hinder Our Future

#### 1) \_\_\_ FAMILY OF ORIGIN \_\_\_ issues.

"But when she could hide him no longer... she placed the child in [the basket in the Nile River]... Pharaoh's daughter [discovered him and had him nursed by Moses' mother]... When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, 'I drew him out of the water.'" (Exodus 2:3-10 selected verses, NIV)

#### 2) \_\_\_ FLAW IN CHARACTER \_\_\_ issues.

"One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian.." (Exodus 2:11-12a, NIV)

#### 3) \_\_\_ FEAR OF FAILURE \_\_\_ issues.

"....he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand." (Exodus 2:12b, NIV)

#### 4) \_\_\_ FAULTY REPUTATION \_\_\_ issues.

"The next day he.... saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, 'Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?' The man said, 'Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?' Then Moses was afraid and thought, 'What I did must have become known.' When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well." (Exodus 2:13-15, NIV)

## II) MOVING FORWARD, PAST YOUR PAST

**\*To move forward in life, \_\_\_ LEARN FROM \_\_\_ the past but don't \_\_\_ LIVE IN IT \_\_\_. Instead, \_\_\_ LOOK TOWARD \_\_\_ the future.**

"Moses knew that the treasures of Egypt were not as wonderful as what he would receive from suffering for the Messiah [Christ], and he looked forward to his reward." (Hebrews 11:26, CEV)

### How God Can Use Our Past To Direct Our Future

#### 1) By moving us from where we are to where **\_WE NEED TO GO\_**.

"Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock. Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock...And where is he?' he [Reuel] asked his daughters. 'Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat.'" (Exodus 2:16-17&20, NIV)

#### 2) By shaping us from who we were to who **\_WE CAN BECOME\_**.

"Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage. Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, 'I have become an alien in a foreign land.'" (Exodus 2:21-22, NIV)

#### 3) By preparing us for what may not happen **\_w/OUT OUR PAST\_**.

"During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out... God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God... was concerned about them." (Exodus 2:23-25, NIV)

"Moses was tending the flock...he led the flock to... Horeb, the mountain of God. [after Moses saw the burning bush God said], 'I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt... So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.'" (Exodus 3:1,7,10, NIV)